cost for each project in case of North Eastern State, hilly areas and to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes entrepreneurs. In respect of infrastructure projects of State Governments/State Agencies, there is no upper ceiling on subsidy to be provided under the scheme.

The Government also fixes Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for major agricultural commodities and organizes purchase operations through public and cooperative agencies. The Government decides on the MSPs for various agricultural commodities taking into account the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices, views of the state governments and other relevant factors.

Food processing units in Assam

2175. KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of food processing units sanctioned in Assam during the last four years, district-wise;

(b) the food items processed therein; and

(c) the steps being taken to revive the units that have been closed down?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI): (a) to (c) Ministry of Food Processing Industries extends financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid to implementing agencies/entrepreneurs @ 25% of the cost of Plant and Machinery and Technical Civil Works subject to a maximum of Rs. 50 lakhs in general areas or 33.33% subject to a maximum of Rs. 75 lakhs in Difficult areas under the Scheme of Setting up/Modernization/Expansion of food processing industries. The details of assistance provided by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries under the Scheme of Setting up/Modernization/Expansion of food processing industries in Assam during the last four years district-wise are as under:—

2005-06

Sl. No.	Name of the Processing Unit (District-wise)	Financial assistance (Rs. in lakhs)	Food items processed
1	2	3	4
1.	Biva Food Products P. Ltd. Silchar	5.00	Modern Bakery
2.	Indraprastha Roller Flour Mill, Tejpur	35.645	Flour Mill
3.	Plywood India, Bongaigaon	46.370	Flour Mill
4.	G.R. Dairy, Guwahati	35.500	Dairy
	2006-07		
1.	Luit Valley Food Processing P. Ltd., Jorhat	13.480	Bamboo Shoot
2.	Annapurna Biscuits	7.070	Consumer
3.	Repose Snacks and Sweets, Darrang	14.020	Consumer

1	2	3	4
4.	Gattani Backers, Jorhat	26.390	Consumer
5.	Sanghavi Food P. Ltd., Darrang	29.191	Fruit Jams
6.	Sanskar Recips P. Ltd., Darrang	27.895	Fruit pickles
7.	Abhinav Food Products, Tinsukia	72.550	Biscuits
8.	Kishlays Snacks Products, Guwahati	40.000	Potato based unit
9.	NU Foods P. Ltd., Guwahati	44.120	Flour Mill
10.	Reliable Flour Mill, Changsari	29.400	Flour Mill
11.	Rausheena Udyog, Amingaon	61.000	Cereal food
12.	Homtek India Agro Food, Sila	25.660	F and VP
13.	Gram Mahila Vikas Kendra, Assam	2.937	F and VP
	2007-08		
1.	Sabita Food Production, Assam	0.285	Fruit pickle
2.	Salasar Chira Industry, Nagaon	17.390	Rice flack
3.	G.R. Food Products	32.560	Bakery
4.	Excellent Dairy, Assam	26.56	Dairy
	2008-09		
1.	Ranisati Foods, Assam	36.79	Flour Mill
2.	Nezone Bakers, Assam	11.195	Bakery
3.	Purbanchal Food Products, Assam	11.415	F and VP

Food processing industries in Tamil Nadu

2176. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN:
SHRI S. ANBALAGAN:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has provided any financial assistance to Tamil Nadu for the development of food processing industries in the State;

(b) if so, the details of such assistance provided during the last three years;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the details of food processing units established under the guidance and support of the Central Government in the State;

(e) the position of the State in production of processed foods in the country;

(f) whether Government proposes to initiate any steps to develop food processing industries which are specific to the State; and